

Do you Believe the Bible?

When you read the Bible, do you believe what it says? Have you ever read something in the Bible that is contrary to what you believe?

How do you respond to something in the Bible that is contrary to what you believe or were taught? Do you change your mind to believe what God says, or do you ignore it?

Do you say that you believe in God yet refuse to believe his words? Would you rather follow someone's opinion?

When you hear a sermon, do you search the scriptures to see whether things are so?

Let's see what Gods Word says about this topic:

Psalms 12:6 "The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times."

Psalms 12:7 "Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever."

Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."

As you can see, the Bible says that the words of the Lord are pure words, purified seven times. No other book can claim that.

The Bible also says that the words of our God will stand forever. Don't you think God will use those words to judge us? According to 2 Timothy, He will.

2 Timothy 3:16 says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for REPROOF, for CORRECTION, for instruction in righteousness:"

This verse means exactly what it says. When someone has a question, do you research to see what the Bible says about it, or do you just give your opinion? Do you know the scriptures enough to give a Biblical answer?

Matthew 22:29 "Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God."

John 17:17 "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."

Romans 3:4 "God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar;....."

Jeremiah 17:5 "Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm,...."

Proverbs 14:12 "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

As you can see, it's very important to go to the Bible for our answers.

If you ever have a question and you ask another person about it, you should ask yourself the following question, "Do they get the Bible to see what it says, or do they just give you their opinion?"

Let's be very careful to make sure we believe and follow God's Word instead of someone's opinion.

Proverbs 30:5 "Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him."

Proverbs 30:6 “Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.”

Proverbs 1:23 “Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.”

We saw above that 2 Timothy 3:16 also talks about reproof/correction.

Aren't those beautiful words?

On the flip side, the Bible also says the following about those that disregard God's reproof and counsel:

Proverbs 1:25 “But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:”

Proverbs 1:30 “They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.”

Proverbs 1:31 “Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way and be filled with their own devices.”

Which one would you like? The choice is yours.

Is the Bible your final authority? Let's all be more like the Bereans in Acts 17:11:

“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”